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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Community and Senior Services

At its meeting held May 20, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“Orange County has opened the nation’s first Forensic Center dedicated to combating elder abuse. The Center is not a forensic lab in the traditional medical sense, but it will include financial specialists who are experts in examining money trails and medical personnel who are experts in detecting physical abuse of elderly people. Representatives from the Sheriff’s Department, Health Department, Adult-Protective Services and other County agencies will staff the Center.

“In Los Angeles County, it is estimated that as many as 40,000 seniors are subject to physical abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and the number will continue to grow with the aging of the ‘baby boomers.’ Unfortunately, many cases of elder abuse remain under reported, under investigated or simply ignored. As such, it is essential that Los Angeles County develop a system that would improve the communication and coordination between the various County agencies responsible for investigating crimes against the elderly.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried, the Director of Community and Senior Services was instructed, in collaboration with the District Attorney and the Sheriff, to explore the feasibility of developing a Forensic Center in Los Angeles County to improve communication and coordination between the County agencies responsible for investigating crimes against the elderly, and report back to the Board within 90 days.

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